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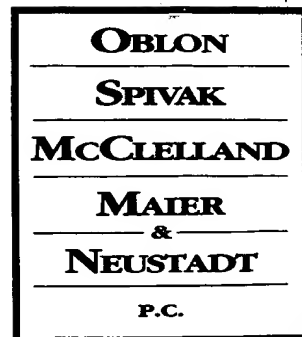
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f) Letter to the U.S.
Patent Office; Notice to File Missing Parts... PART 2 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY;
Copies of: June 27, 2001 & August 14, 2001, date-stamped filing receipts;
Executed 4p. Combined Declaration, Petition & Power of Attorney
(As Filed August 14, 2001)**

Our check in the amount of \$ -0- is attached covering any required fees. In the event that any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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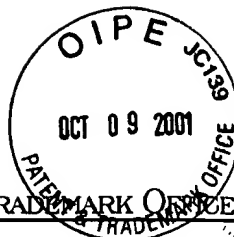
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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SIR:

In response to the August 17, 2001, Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application, Applicants note that prior to receipt of the Notice, an executed Rule 63 Declaration was filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 14, 2001, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f).

Applicants further note that the required late filing fee was paid at the time of filing the application on June 27, 2001. Copies of the June 27, 2001 and August 14, 2001, date-stamped filing receipts, along with a copy of the Declaration as filed, are attached herewith, for the record.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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